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REMARKS

Claims 1-20, 23 and 25-37 were pending in the subject application. By this Amendment applicants have canceled claim 10 without prejudice and have amended claims 1, and 23. Accordingly, claims 1-9, 11-20 and 25-37 are pending in the subject application.

Applicants thank the Examiner and the Examiner's supervisor for the courtesy extended during the September 11, 2003 telephone conference between the Examiners and Mr. Gary Gershik of the undersigned attorney's office. During the telephone, the Examiners indicated that all of the outstanding rejections in the March 12, 2003 Office Action would be withdrawn if the composition of matter claim 1 is amended as herein and if method claim 23 is amended as herein. Having amended claims 1 and 23 as discussed with the Examiner, applicants look forward to the withdrawal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, and §103 set forth in the March 12, 2003 final Office Action.

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No fee, other than the enclosed \$920.00 extension of time fee, is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Amendment. However, if any additional fee is required, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

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